

CHAPTER III

EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes both the existing environment and environmental effects relevant to the resource issues defined in *CHAPTER I - PURPOSE AND NEED* and is arranged in the same order.

The following information, presented by issue category, presents both the existing conditions, or the affected environment, and the potential environmental effects on the resource as the result of implementing either the No-Action or Action alternative. The description of the affected environment, in part, serves as a baseline to compare changes resulting from the Action Alternative.

